

Interactive comment on “IEOOS: the Spanish Institute of Oceanography Observing System” by E. Tel et al.

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Basically we agree that the description of an observation system is not the content object of a scientific paper in a classical sense. In this case the draft has been prepared for the special issue "Operational oceanography in Europe 2014 in support of blue and green growth," which is not a purely scientific topic. We are not who we should debate whether or not the paper fits the Journal special volume, but the editorial board. We will work to improve the shortcomings referred, but we intend to show that new scientific findings and observation systems do not born from a planned strategy; but they evolve according to social / economic factors which can not be always controlled. In this sense, the IEO system fulfills its sampling needs, that are necessary in the framework of its responsibilities which are not purely scientific, but include government advisory

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activities in various areas and involve a valuable institutional effort.

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